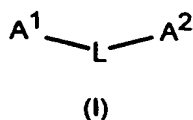


Claims

- 5 1. The use of a compound of general formula I or salts thereof as phytopathogenic fungicides



where

10 A^1 is 3-Cl-5-CF₃-2-pyridyl;

A^2 is optionally substituted heterocyclyl or optionally substituted carbocyclyl; excepted when L is -N(R₃)N(R₄)C(=O)- or -CH₂OCH₂-, then A₂ can not contain any heterocyclyl containing N or O;

L is a 3-atom linker selected from the list: -CH(R¹)N(R³)CH(R²)-,

15 -N(R³)N(R⁴)C(=X)-, -C(=X)N(R³)CH(R¹)-, -CH(R¹)OC(=X)-, -CH(R¹)OCH(R²)-, -N(R³)C(=X)N(R⁴)-, -C(R¹)=C(R²)C(=X)-, -CH(R¹)N=C(R²)-, -O-N=C(R¹)-, -O-N(R³)C(=X)-, -N(R³)N(R⁴)CH(R¹), -N(R³)C(Y)=N-, -N=C(Y)-N(R³)-, -C(=X)-N(R³)N(R⁴)-, -C(Y)=N-N(R⁴)- and -N(R³)CH(R¹)C(=X)-; wherein A¹ is attached to the left hand side of linker L;

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where R¹ and R², which may be the same or different, are R^b, cyano, nitro, halogen, -OR^b, -SR^b or optionally substituted amino;

R³ and R⁴, which may be the same or different, are R^b, cyano or nitro;

or any R¹, R², R³ or R⁴ group, together with the interconnecting atoms, can form a

25 5- or 6-membered ring with any other R¹, R², R³ or R⁴, or any R¹, R², R³ or R⁴ group, together with the interconnecting atoms can form a 5- or 6-membered ring with A²;

X is oxygen, sulfur, N-OR^b, N-R^b or N-N(R^b)₂; and

Y is halogen, -OR^b, -SR^b, -N(R^b)₂, -NR^b(OR^b) or -NR^bN(R^b)₂;

wherein R^b is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which may be substituted; or hydrogen or acyl, or two adjacent R^b groups together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may form a 5- or 6-membered ring.

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2. A pesticidal composition comprising at least one compound as claimed in claim 1 in admixture with an agriculturally acceptable diluent or carrier.
3. A method of combating plant pests at a locus infested or liable to be infested therewith, which comprises applying to the locus a compound as claimed in claim 1.

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